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SUBJ: UN HUMAN RIGHTS SUBCOMMISSION: WORKING GROUP ON
COMMUNICATIONS

REF: GENEVA 6280

1. WORKING GROUP (WG) COMPLETED ITS 4TH ANNUAL
SESSION WEDNESDAY EVENING, 20 AUGUST AND
ADOPTED REPORT ELEVATING COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING
EQUATORIAL GUINEA, INDIA, UGANDA AND CHILE.

2. THE COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA
CHARGES SYSTEMATIC KILLING OF POLITICAL, CIVIL
SERVICE AND TRIBAL LEADERS BY THE PRESIDENT. THE
GOVT REPLIED BUT WG FOUND REPLY INADQUATE AND UNCON-
VINCING. VOTE ON THIS COMMUNICATION WAS 3 TO 1.

3. THE COMPLAINT AGAINST INDIA WAS MADE BY THE
SIKKIMESE AND THE WG BY 3-1 FOUND THE COMMUNICATION
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APPEARED TO REVEAL A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS

VIOLATIONS. THERE WAS NO GOVT REPLY AND ONE MEMBER OF WG EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS AS TO COMPETENCE OF GROUP TO DEAL WITH A COMMUNICATION INVOLVING RELATIONS BETWEEN A STATE AND ITS FEDERAL GOVT.

4. BY CONSENSUS THE WG FORWARDED A COMMUNICATION ON UGANDA AS A SUPPLEMENT TO ONE ALREADY REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. A SET OF FIVE COMMUNICATIONS ON CHILE WERE AGREED UPON BY MAJORITY VOTE AND ARE TO BE FORWARDED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES WERE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED, BUT FAILED TO WIN A MAJORITY OF THE WG, AMONG THEM BEING: URUGUAY, PAKISTAN, SPAIN, BRAZIL AND ROMANIA.

6. EVEN THOUGH THIS SESSION'S WG HAD OVER 30,000 COMMUNICATIONS TO CONSIDER THERE CONTINUES A GENERAL UNAWARENESS AMONG AUTHORS OF COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CRITERIA OF ADMISSIBILITY. AS LONG AS THIS IGNORANCE PERSISTS, ONLY A VERY FEW COMMUNICATIONS WILL HAVE QUALIFIED FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION.DALE

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